



City of Fort Dodge
Oleson Park Zoo
819 First Avenue
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

Date of Violation: February 14, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(c) Sanitation.

(c) Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals.

You failed to keep your premises clean and in good repair. On the above date, APHIS observed the following:

- 1) A large accumulation of unused items and clutter outside the main entrance of the indoor living facility.
- 2) An old kinkajou cage inside the wallaby enclosure.
- 3) An excessive build-up of hair, cobwebs, and other debris covering the front of the African porcupine enclosure.

Date of Violation: April 28, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general.

(a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to maintain facilities in good repair to protect the animals from injury. On the above date, APHIS observed broken wires from the fencing surrounding the porcupine enclosure protruding inside the enclosure.

Date of Violation: June 27, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2)(3) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:



(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

(3) Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; Provided, however, That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and Provided, further, That a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian;

You failed to communicate with the attending veterinarian in a timely manner regarding the discovery of a dead female arctic fox, and failed to use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries by failing to obtain complete and accurate information regarding the cause(s) of death. You did not conduct a necropsy or gross postmortem examination. You did not consult with the attending veterinarian to determine the cause of death, and did not collect specimens for testing.

Date of Violation: June 29, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

You failed to use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries by failing to obtain complete and accurate information regarding the cause(s) of death. On the above date, you observed that a male arctic fox was listless and laying down in its primary enclosure. You transported the fox to the attending veterinarian who opined the fox to be "beyond help." You transported the fox back to the zoo where it died several hours later. You did not conduct a necropsy or gross postmortem examination to determine the cause of death, and did not collect specimens for testing.

Date of Violation: July 12, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(a) Sanitation.

(a) Cleaning of enclosures. Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

You failed to remove excreta from primary enclosures as often as necessary. On the above date, APHIS observed the outdoor enclosures for the porcupine, Patagonian cavy, wallabies and coatimundi had excessive amounts of decaying food and/or animal waste mixed in with



the dirt and gravel comprising the floors of their respective enclosures.

Date of Violation: July 12, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(d) Sanitation.

(d) Pest control. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

You failed to provide a safe and effective program for the control of pests. On the above date, APHIS observed the outdoor enclosures for the porcupine, Patagonian cavy, wallabies and coatimundi had decaying food and/or animal waste mixed in with the dirt and gravel comprising the floors of their respective enclosures. This accumulation had attracted numerous flies.

Date of Violation: September 20, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(a) Sanitation.

(a) Cleaning of enclosures. Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors. When enclosures are cleaned by hosing or flushing, adequate measures shall be taken to protect the animals confined in such enclosures from being directly sprayed with the stream of water or wetted involuntarily.

You failed to remove excreta from primary enclosures as often as necessary. On the above date, APHIS observed an excessive build-up of compacted feces, soiled bedding, and food waste on the bottom of the prairie dog enclosure.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$2,071.